

might speak of it, you know, and beyond that nothing at all.

Q Did you ever have any sharp words or quarrel of any kind with Mrs. Hall about Mr. Hall?

A Never.

Q Now, Will, about the gun. Can you remember approximately when you bought that pistol?

A No, sir, I cannot.

Q Well, was it as long as ten years before 1922?

A I wouldn't be a bit surprised.

Q Are you sure it was as much as five years?

A Easily that.

Q Had you ever fired that? Well, in the first place it was a 32 pistol, was it not?

A 32 Ivers Johnson hammerless safety catch revolver. I tell you what I mean by that, so that the trigger could be pulled or dropped on the floor and you couldn't set fire unless you touched this safety catch.

Q In September 1922 had the firing pin of that pistol been filed down?

A I never remember hearing of it being filed until after the accident.

Q Then it was your practice to keep the pistol loaded